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1. "The following information on the Ustav Napravneho Zarizeni (prison) is dated

Location

2. "This prison is situated in the northeastern part of Ceska Lipa, east of the railroad line which runs from Ceska Lipa to Rumburk.
3. "The prison buildings occupy an area 300 x 200 meters. On the southern side of the prison area is a building which houses the district court and the District National Committee (ONV). South of the court building the highway to Decin runs in a westerly direction. There are streets east and west of the prison. The prison area is surrounded by a brick wall four meters high. The wall is topped by three rows of barbed wire.

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4. "The common cells are rooms about five by five meters each, with two grated windows. There are six prisoners to a cell. Each cell has a peephole in the door and also in the wall (marked on the diagrams by a hook). The solitary confinement cells are five by two meters, with one grated window. Two or three prisoners are kept in each solitary confinement cell. The first floor /US second floor/ is used for women; there are no solitary confinement cells in the women's section.

5. "In spring 1953 most of the prisoners were kulaks and workers convicted of minor sabotage -- theft or damage to national property in kolkhozes and national enterprises. Prisoners stay in this prison one year or are transferred here from other jails before their release. In spring 1953 there were 150 male and 50 female prisoners. I counted 14 guards. There was one guard on each floor. I heard of no incidents of prisoner resistance. No prisoner managed to escape during the time I was there.

6. "The food in spring 1953 was really bad: about 400 gms of bread per day, potato soup for lunch, a small piece of cheese with fish and jam for supper. The prisoners can write and receive one postcard a month. They can receive no visitors while awaiting trial. They cannot receive food packages. They have to walk 30 minutes per day in the prison yard. They cannot attend religious services in the two prison chapels, because those chapels have been turned into workshops.

7. "The most dangerous guards were:

(a) Sergeant (fnu) Bidle from Mimon. Former coachman of the Mimon brewery. Aged 40, about 165 cms tall, brown hair, married, CP member.

SCHOOL at Ryakov

(b) Sergeant (fnu) Sidelko. Gipsy from Novy Bor. Had served there in a workers' militia. Aged 30, about 158 cms tall, round face, dark hair.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing Location of the Prison with Legend  
(B): Sketch of the Ground Floor of the Prison with Legend  
(C): Sketch of the First Floor of the Prison with Legend  
(D): Sketch of the Second Floor of the Prison with Legend

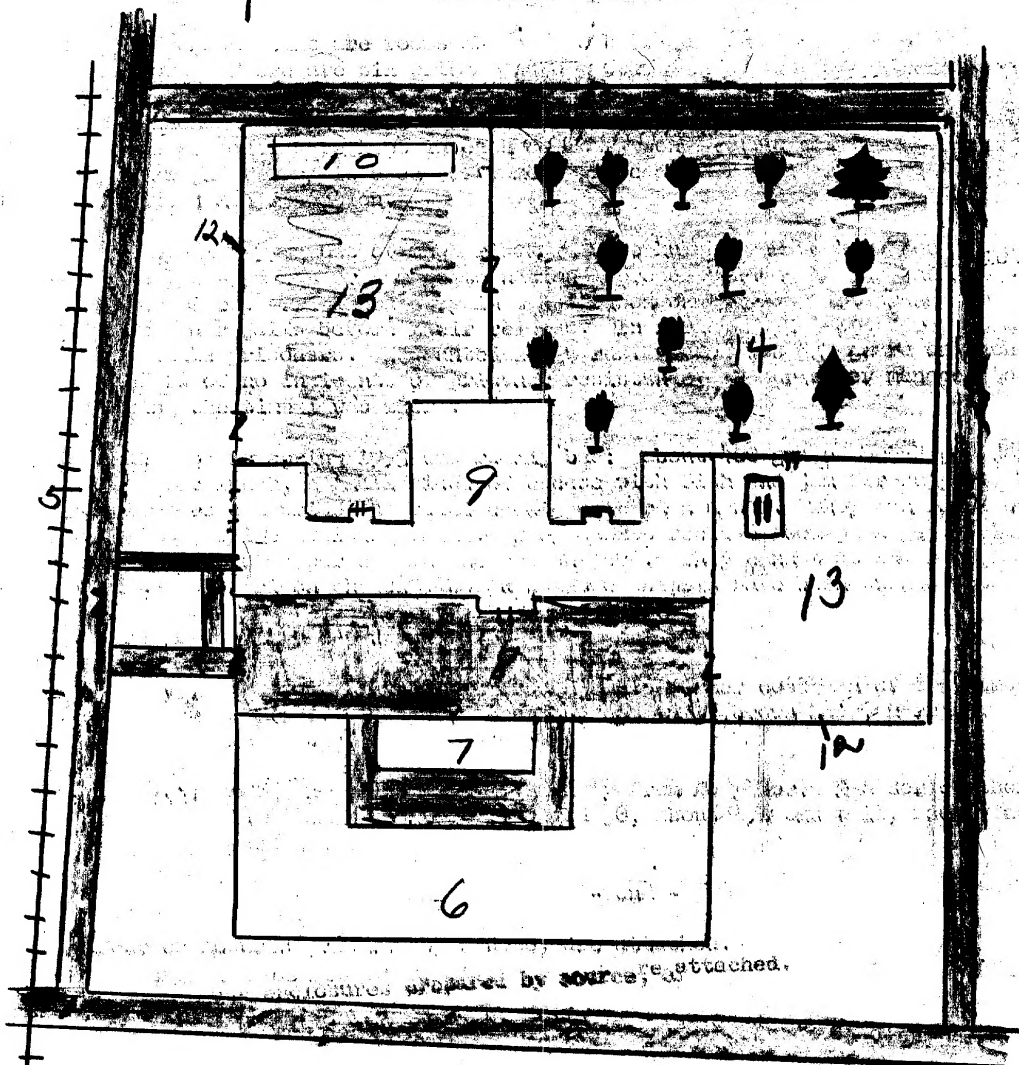
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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1 - Ústav nápravného zařízení Česká LípaI - Legend: Location of the Prison at Ceska Lipa

1. Highway from Ceska Lipa to Decin.
2. Street between the railroad line and the wall around the prison.
3. Road connecting both streets into the path
4. Street from bridge to park.
5. Railroad line from Ceska Lipa to Rumburk
6. Building of the district court and ONV.
7. Main hall of the court.
8. Small prison yard (100 x 30 m)
9. Prison - three floors (100 x 30 m)
10. Glass greenhouse
11. Gardeners' toolshed.
12. Wall
13. Garden
14. Prison garden, used as a walking yard by the prisoners."

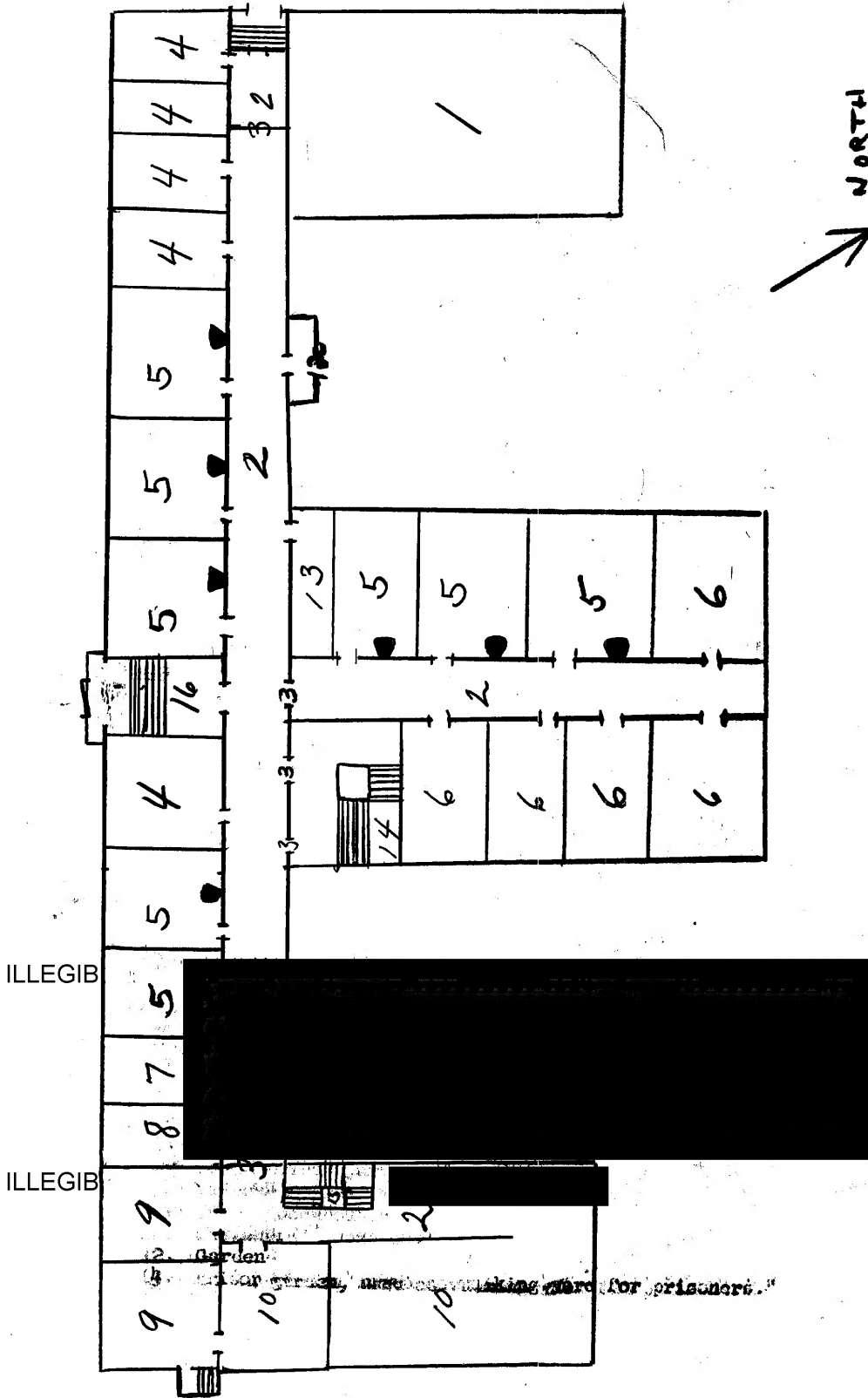
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II - Ground floor of the Ceska Lipa Prison



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II - Legend: Ground floor of the Ceska Lipa Prison

- "1. Private living quarters.
2. Corridors
3. Grave-doors [sic - heavy doors?]
4. Office
5. Cells for six prisoners.
6. Cells for solitary confinement.
7. Doctor's office.
8. Bathroom
9. Washrooms
10. Storage
11. WC
12. Exit to garden
13. Gatekeeper's room.
14. Stairs to first floor
15. Stairs to first floor and cellar
16. Stairs into the small yard."

ENCLOSURE (c)

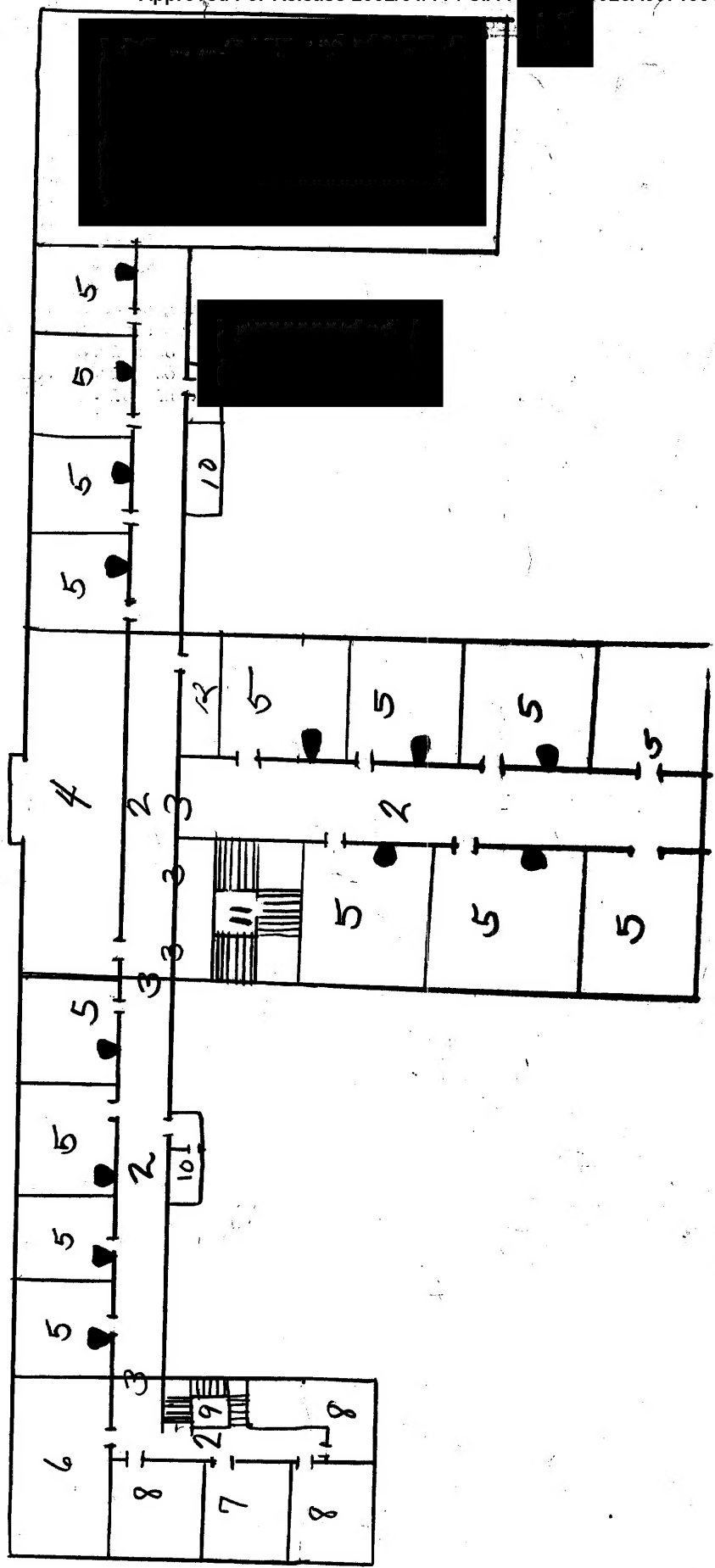
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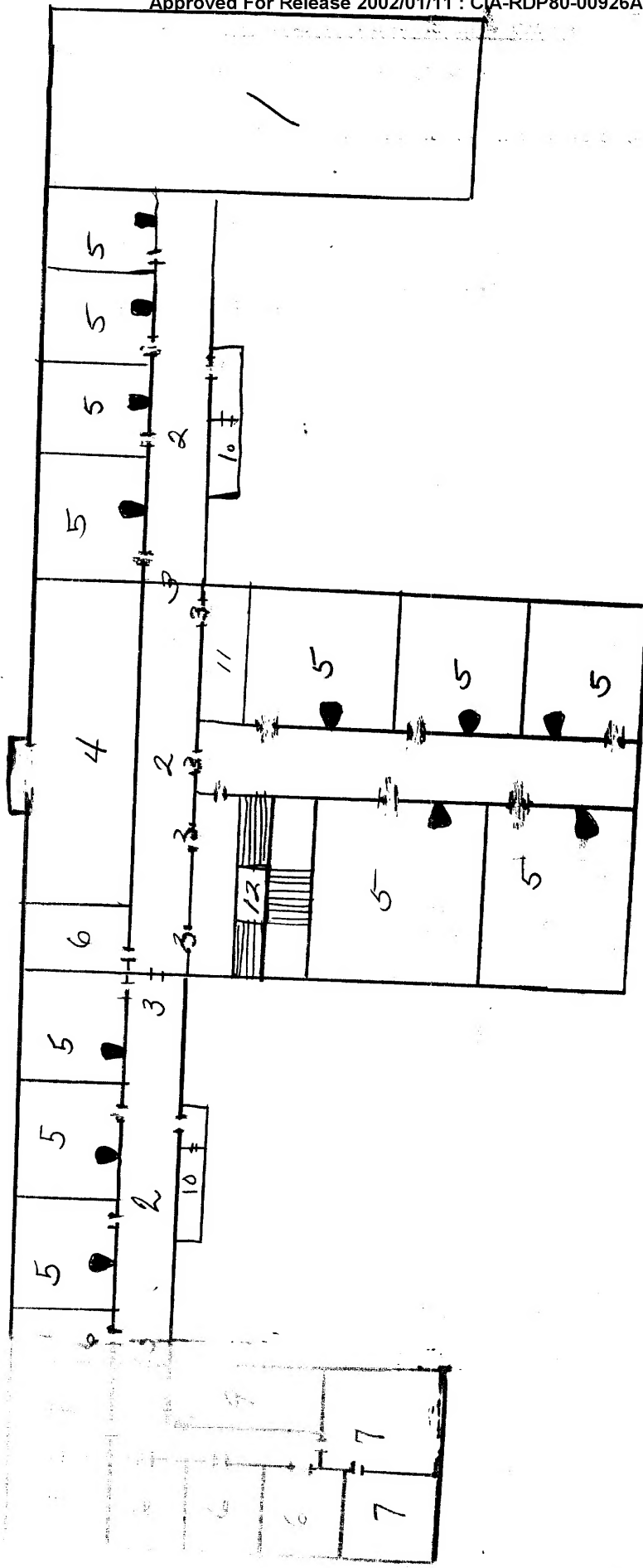


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III - Legend  
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1. Private living quarters of the guards.
2. Corridors
3. 'Grave doors'
4. Former Catholic chapel for prisoners. Now a workshop.
5. Communal cells
6. Kitchen
7. Wash room
8. Kitchen storeroom
9. Stairs to ground floor
10. WC
11. Stairs to ground floor and second floor.
12. Room for the guard."





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IV - Legend: Second Floor of the Ceska Lipa Prison

- "1. Private living quarters
2. Corridor
3. 'Grave' door
4. Chapel that has been converted into a workshop
5. Communal cells
6. Solitary confinement cells
7. Storage
8. Private living quarters for female guards
9. Depot for civilian clothes
10. WC
11. Guard's room
12. Stairs to first floor and ground floor."

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